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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. ANGOLA FLIGHTS EXACERBATE ZAIRE'S FUEL SHORTAGE

ANGOLAN EVACUATION AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE TO STOP REFUELING IN KINSHASA BECAUSE OF ZAIRE'S CRITICAL FUEL SHORTAGE. EMBASSY KINSHASA REPORTS THAT:

--ACCORDING TO KINSHASA'S PETRO-ZAIRE MANAGER, US CHARACTER FLIGHTS WILL SOON CONSUME ALL OF AIR ZAIRE'S FUEL RESERVES. HE HAS THEREFORE REFUSED FURTHER SUPPLIES UNLESS REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS ARE MADE.

--MOBUTU HAS NOT HAD A REPLY FROM THE US TO HIS PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE REFUGEES IN ZAIRE. THE AIRLIFT WAS BEGUN WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE GOZ BEFOREHAND. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINSHASA 8177, 9/8.)

### 2. EGYPT: FAHMY BEGINS DEFENSE OF AGREEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY YESTERDAY BEGAN HIS CAMPAIGN TO DEFEND THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BY REAFFIRMING EGYPT'S INTENTIONS TO REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO ARAB SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS, NOTABLY ON TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND ESTABLISHMENT

OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. IN SECONDING SADAT'S DEFENSE OF THE AGREEMENT, FAHMY EXPLAINED THAT:

--THE PURELY MILITARY ACCORDS DO NOT MEAN PEACE, NOR DO THEY END THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY OR PREVENT THE DEFENSE OF ARAB LANDS "WHETHER IN SYRIA, EGYPT, OR PALESTINE."

--NEW WITHDRAWALS ON THE SYRIAN FRONT WILL TAKE PLACE "VERY SHORTLY."

--THE PRESENCE OF US TECHNICIANS, WHO WILL DEAL IN "ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS," DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN AMERICAN "BASE."

--SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS HAVE NOT REACHED A STATE OF "TENSION," AND THE USSR OBJECTS NOT TO THE ESSENCE OF THE AGREEMENT BUT TO NOT HAVING PARTICIPATED. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 8806, 9/8.)

### 3. EC NINE SUPPORT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

A QUAI OFFICIAL, DISCUSSING THE RECENT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN ROME, NOTED:

--ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE DELIGHTED BY THE SINAI ACCORDS BUT, LACKING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PRIVATE UNDERSTANDINGS, FELT SOMEWHAT AT A LOSS IN ASSESSING THE SITUATION. HE INDICATED THAT "MIDEAST EXPERTS" HAVE PRODUCED A PAPER TO BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR A DECLARATION WELCOMING THE AGREEMENT AND WARNING THAT THE MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE MAINTAINED.

--THE EC MEMBERS CONGRATULATED THEMSELVES ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL LOBBYING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL IN THE UN. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 22974, 9/8.)  
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### 4. KUWAIT TO ADOPT MODERATE POSITION AT OPEC?

RECENT STATEMENTS BY SENIOR KUWAITI OIL OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT AN OPEC OIL PRICE INCREASE REMAINS AN OPEN QUESTION. A MINISTRY OF OIL OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY KUWAIT THAT OPEC'S MAIN CONSIDERATIONS IN VIENNA WOULD BE:

--DEVELOPING AN INDEX FOR ADJUSTING OIL PRICES TO INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS.

--CREATING A NEW PRICE SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE OPEC FRAMEWORK AND NOT ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL OR REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.

MINISTER OF OIL KAZEMI ON SEPTEMBER 4 SET A MODERATE TONE BY ASSERTING THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS (THE SINAI ACCORDS) WOULD NOT INFLUENCE OPEC DECISIONS AND BY PREDICTING THAT OPEC MIGHT TEMPER "JUST" DEMANDS FOR A LARGER INCREASE OUT OF CONCERN FOR INDUSTRIAL STATES. HE THOUGHT A 10 PERCENT INCREASE WAS PROBABLE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: KAZEMI'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT PRICE INCREASES ARE DISRUPTIVE AMONG INDUSTRIAL STATES LEADS US TO BELIEVE HE HAS BEGUN TO RECOGNIZE THAT OPEC MUST THINK OF THE WIDER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF ITS DECISIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) KUWAIT 3649, 9/8.) KISSINGER

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